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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 and 13-56 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 17-32 and 35-56 are currently withdrawn from consideration as drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-9, 13-16, 33 and 34 were rejected in the previous Office Action.

Response to Amendment

2. Receipt is acknowledged of Applicants' Amendment and Response, filed December 6, 2007, which has been reviewed by the Examiner and entered of record in the file.

Previous Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. (a) Claim 2 previously rejected for incorporating a figure by reference. Applicants traverse the rejection, citing MPEP 2173.05 and arguing that the X-RDP for amorphous ziprasidone HCl cannot adequately be described, despite the Examiner's suggestions, and that "Applicants are truly unable to claims this subject matter in different way." The Examiner maintained in the previous rejection that the diffractometer provides the exact values for each peak based on a 2θ scale, and said values should be easily attainable by Applicants. The Examiner also previously noted that Applicants had neglected to label the y-axis of Figure 1 such that it is unclear what the 2θ values are measured against, e.g. intensity in counts per second.

The Examiner maintains the rejection to claim 2 and again recommends using language similar to the following, "The compound of claim 1, characterized by having significant X-ray powder diffraction pattern peaks expressed in 2θ values at ..." and then inserting specific peak values. The Examiner again reminds Applicants that Figure 1 must be corrected since neither the drawing nor the specification contains a label for the "y"-axis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1, 3-9, 13-16, 33 and 34 previously ejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 4,831,031 to Lowe, III et al, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,150,366 to Arenson et al, further in view of Lieberman, "Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms."

In view of Applicants' persuasive arguments, the Examiner withdraws the obviousness rejections of the claims.

Conclusion

5. Claims 1-9 and 13-56 are pending in the application. Claims 17-32 and 35-56 remain withdrawn from consideration, and claim 2 remains rejected.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JANET L. COPPINS whose telephone number is (571)272-0680. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571.272.0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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